Service of Worship and Praise
Celebrating the Life
of
Mother Matilda Ficklin

Sunrise
October 16, 1915

Sunset
May 17, 1997

I have fought a good fight. I have finshed my course.

I have kept the faith. II Timothy 4:7

Friday, May 23, 1997 - 11:00 A.M

McGlothen Temple

Church of God in Christ
1443 Filbert Street
Richmond, CA 94801

Superintendent John A. Jennings, Pastor
Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Matilda L. Ficklin was born to the union of Everline and Henry Murphy on October 16, 1915 in Little Rock Arkansas. In 1947, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal saviour. In the early 1950's her family moved to California and she united with the McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ. Matilda Scales was united in marriage to Asbery Ficklin on August 14, 1959 and enjoyed a beautiful life together.

In her Christian service, she served faithfully at McGlothen Temple for 47 years. She was a licensed Missionary and enjoyed teaching the word of God and praying for the sick. She loved working with her Pastors, the late Bishop G.W. McGlothen and Bishop Clarence J. Davis and her current pastor John A. Jennings. Mother Ficklin served as Deaconess, Bible Band President, usher, evangelist and supporter of all auxiliaries. She served as District Missionary of the Richmond District of California Northwest Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ for 16 years.
In the California northwest Jurisdiction, she was highly recognized for her work as a District Missionary and Treasurer of the Women's Department.
She was a member of the California Northwest Crusaders and enjoyed bringing joy to the patients in Napa hospital. Missionary Ficklin was a helper to many people in the church, the community, and to her family and will be greatly missed.

Mother Ficklin departed this life on May 17, 1997 about 11:00 p.m. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and one brother.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Asbery Ficklin, daughter, Claudette Gallon; brother George Murphy of Saint Louis, Mo; three stepsons and family, Herman and Jean Ficklin, Newark, CA.; Earl Ficklin, Suisun. CA.; Asbery Jr. and Paulette Ficklin, El Cerrito; four grand children: Sharon Swanson, Anthony Hayes. Diana Wingo, Romona Gallon; twelve great grand children and six great great grandchildren; four cousins: Eva Beth, Buddy, Judy and David Mitchell; a host of nieces and nephews, God-daughters Manuela Evans and Annie Ruth Meadows. Godsons Ronald Huey, Sr. and Elder John A. Jennings, God Sister Etta B. Graves, God Brother Rufus Robinson, the McGlothen Temple Family and other relatives and friends.

I'M FREE INDEED

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and I left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I've found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A Friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full. I savored much
The blessings of a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it - not with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now; He set me free.

ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR
ELDER SAMUEL BUTLER, PRESIDING

PRELUDE	Elder Dennis Braxton
PROCESSIONAL	
INVOCATION	Elder Phil Hollins
OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 90:1-10	Elder Frank Mitchell
NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 15:51-58	Elder Direll Smith
MUSICAL SELECTION	Choir
EXPRESSION	Family & Friends Mother W .M. Johnson Church Mother
SELECTION	District Missionary Etta B. Graves Deacon Rufus Robinson, Deacon Board Choir
SPECIAL REMARKS	District Missionary Dorothy Bolds, Richmond District Mother Louise Perrodin, Jurisdictional Supervisor, California Northwest
EXPRESSIONS	(2 Minutes)
Ministers and Elders Pastors Superintendents	Elder Dennis Braxton Elder Malachi Hall Superintendent Jack P. Spicer
MUSICAL SELECTION	Deacon Ronald Huey
RESOLUTIONS	McGlothen Temple Church of God in Christ Sister Brenda Shephard Greater Richmond District, California Northwest Jurisdiction Missionary Victoria S. Williams
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES	Sister Emma J. Clark
OBITUARY	(Read Silently) Congregation
SOLO	Evangelist Mary Willard
EULOGY	Pastor John A. Jennings
PARTING VIEW	
RECESSIONAL	

"Another soldier gone to get a great reward; She fought the fight, she kept the faith, And now she has gone home to God."

Tribute to my Mother

(Read on her Birthday at an Appreciation Service)

Mom, I love you more than words can say. If I tell you I love you once a year that doesn't mean that I don't love you all year long. I love you every day of the week and month. Lots of young women have wished they could have a mother like you full of love, kindness and understanding; a mother that you can talk to about all problems and your troubles. You are that kind of mother that someday I hope I can be. You are a mother that you can be proud of and have great respect for. You are a mother who can talk to God for you and pray for you when you can't pray for yourself. Through you, God has made my life a beautiful one because of you my children lives are beautiful, because of you and your prayers and through the life you have lived, God have blessed your family. We owe it all to you and God. Someday, I hope I can love and serve God the way you have and be a blessing to my children and grand children and pray for them the way you have prayed for us that God will take care of them and see them through in these sinful times.

Love,
Your Daughter
Claudette Gallon

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

James Adams
David Mitchell
Ronald Swanson, Sr.
Ronald Swanson, Jr.

DeAnte Smith
Ronald Huey, Jr.
Anthony Hayes
David Mitchell

Herbert Simminton

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
McGlothen Temple Deacon Board
FLOWER BEARERS
California Northwest District Missionaries
Prayer and Bible Band Members

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The family of the late Missionary Matilda Ficklin acknowledges with grateful appreciation the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended at this hour of sorrow. Thank you for the telegrams, cards, florals, words of comfort, and the many kind deeds and prayers shared with us during the loss of our loved one. We ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers. May God bestow His blessings on each of you.
- THE FAMILY

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